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The 1943-44 "duck stamp" which all waterfowl hunters over 16 years of age must purchase, will go on sale at all first and second class postoffices on July 1, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today.

The new stamp, tenth in the annual series, has as its central design two wood ducks in flight, reproduced from an etching by Walter E. Bohl, Wisconsin artist.

Since first issued in August 1934, the duck stamps have become familiar to waterfowl hunters, philatelists, and conservationists throughout the country. About twice the size of a special delivery stamp, they cost \$1 and may be purchased singly, in blocks, or in complete sheets of 28 stamps. More than 1,400,000 were sold last year.

Ninety percent of the money derived from the sale of these stamps is used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to supplement other funds for the purchase and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country. The remaining 10 percent covers expenses of printing and distributing stamps, administrative purposes of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, and other Federal activities for migratory bird conservation.